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1. PRIMIN ECEVIT RETURNED TO ANKARA FROM TALKS IN LONDON AT 0205 LOCAL JULY 19. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM HIS STATEMENTS TO JOURNALISTS AT ANKARA AIRPORT, AS REPORTED IN PRESS:

A."...I BELIEVE WE HAVE COME CLOSER TO SOLUTIONS... I AM HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE, THE NEAR FUTURE... ALL THE WAYS ARE BEING EXPLORED. JUST NOW THE POSSIBILITIES OF A SOLUTION THROUGH PEACEFUL WAYS, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC WAYS ARE BEING TESTED RAPIDLY. HERE, IF THE IMPORTANCE OF SPEED, OF NOT LOSING TIME IS ACCEPTED BY ALL, THIS ESPECIALLY GIVES ME HOPE.

B. ASKED BOUT HIS IMMEDIATE PLANS, ECEVIT SAID THAT BEFORE LEAVING LONDON HE HAD TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT "IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WAIT 24 HOURS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION".

C. "I AM GOING TO HAVE A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF AND OUR FORCE COMMANDERS. AFTER THAT I WILL CONVENE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS."

2. COMMENT: ECEVIT'S MENTION OF "24 HOURS" PERHAPS IS TIED IN PART TO SESSION OF PARLIAMENT NOW SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON JULY 20 (IN JULY 18 SESSION, DECISION WAS MADE TO RECONVENE JULY 20 TO HEAR ECEVIT). HOWEVER, SEVERAL OTHER FACTORS NO DOUBT ALSO PLAY A PART: (1) MILITARY PREPARATIONS FOR INTERVENTION ARE NOW AT PEAK AND CANNOT LONG BE MAINTAINED IN THAT CONDITION WITHOUT DETERIORATION; (2) PASSAGE OF TIME WOULD TEND WEAKEN CASE FOR INTERVENTION AND THUS REDUCE PRESSURE WHICH TURKS CAN APPLY FOR SOLUTION FAVORABLE TO THEM; (3) DELAY WOULD GIVE GREEK SIDE MORE TIME TO PREPARE TO OPPOSE INTERVENTION.
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